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Dear Henry:

I enjoyed our chat the other day, and I do appreciate your bringing the letter and newspaper accounts to my attention. I would be inclined to accept the findings of independent study teams after charges of air or water pollution, but I don't think we can be satisfied with concentration on a single pollutant. Even given that fluoride pollution by the Columbia Falls plant is far below the levels charged, there remains the fact that people in the Flathead Valley continue to complain more than ever about the smoke-smog-haze filling the Valley. Whether a person worries about its effects on his eyes or his lungs or merely decries the loss of the Big Sky horizon, the fact of the smog's existence remains. I hope we don't lose sight of that in our efforts to answer charges about specific contents of the gaseous effluents.

You know you are always welcome in the office and I hope you will continue to drop by for discussion of this and other topics.

With my kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
ARNOLD OLSEN, M.C.

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